

## BIG BUILDING CRASHES TO GROUND

Twelve Story Frame Work of New York Apartment House Collapses, Burying Workmen in the Ruins.

Portion of Wreck Demolishes the Dining Room of Hotel, Killing Woman at Table.

FLOORS WERE OVERLOADED

Contractor Repeatedly Warned By Inspector, But Proceeds With Work—Criminal Carelessness.

New York, March 2.—Nine persons are known to have been killed, about a score injured and eight or 10, all of whom are believed to be dead, are missing, through the collapse today of the steel skeleton of the Hotel Darlington, a 12 story apartment house in the course of erection. The steel framework had been erected as far as the eleventh floor and the structure was swarming with iron workers, masons and laborers, when, without an instant's warning, the upper floor sagged and collapsed and the whole structure fell with a crash which was heard for blocks, and shook all the buildings in the vicinity. A portion of the steel frame fell upon the rear of the Hotel Patterson, on West Forty-seventh street, crushing in the wall of the dining room and killing a woman as she was sitting at luncheon.

Efforts to recover the bodies of the dead and to rescue those imprisoned in the wreck were begun by firemen immediately after the crash, and at 11 o'clock tonight the contractor in charge of the wrecking work said that his men had discovered seven bodies and two were known to be pinned in the wreckage on the east side of the building.

The cause of the accident was overloading of the floors. The foreman in charge of the iron workers stated there was a large quantity of cement and other building material on the fifth floor, and on the ninth floor were 83 beams which were to have been used in constructing the remaining floors of the building.

That criminal carelessness is chargeable to somebody is shown by the fact

that the building department had placed repeated "violations" against the building, the last one being filed today at the instance of Inspector Charles W. French, because the "side walls were more than two stories in advance of the front walls, and the floor beams were not properly bolted and tied."

In spite of this and previous warnings, those responsible for the construction of the building went ahead regardless of consequences.

### UNION LEADERS ACQUITTED.

Jury Finds Them Not Guilty of Conspiring to Wreck Passenger Train.

Cripple Creek, Colo., March 2.—The jury in the conspiracy case against Sherman Parker and Thomas Foster, the Miners' Union leaders, who were charged with conspiring to wreck the Florence & Cripple Creek passenger train, tonight rendered a verdict of not guilty. There was no demonstration when the verdict was announced.

Immediately after the announcement of the verdict, the district attorney notified the case against Sherman Parker, W. F. Davis and E. H. McKinney, in which they were charged with the overt act of train wrecking, and also the cases against Steve Adams, W. F. Davis and Charles G. Kennison, all union leaders, the latter being president of Miners' Union No. 49, of Cripple Creek, charging them with the murder of Melvin Beckes and Charles H. McCormick, who were killed by an explosion in the Vindicator mine. All the men, with the exception of McKinney, are staunch unionists and several of them hold official positions in the Western Federation of Miners, which organization has stood behind them throughout the trial.

### Surveys Are Finished.

San Francisco, March 2.—The Santa Fe railroad has finished all of its preliminary surveys for a new line to Eureka, Humboldt county, and its engineers are now figuring on the cost so as to decide upon a final location. It is known the company has made three general surveys at a considerable outlay of time and money in an effort to get a good modern line through the mountainous country of Mendocino and Humboldt counties. It will cost the Santa Fe in the neighborhood of \$12,000,000 to complete its connection between Eureka and San Francisco bay.

### Ten Million Feet Lost.

Vancouver, B. C., March 2.—Ten million feet of logs has been lost from booms during February, owing to the rough weather prevailing along the British Columbia coast. That is the estimate of W. H. Higgins, president of the British Columbia Lumbermen's Association.

## ONLY OFFICIAL DISPATCHES VIA RUSSIA ARE READ IN LONDON PRESS

No Actual News of Russo-Japanese War Received By the Outside World, Only Vague Rumors Being Published.

Discredited Report Sent Out That Russian Post West of Haicheng Is Attacked by Brigand Bands, Both Sides Losing Heavily—If True Serious Danger Confronts Muscovites From This Source—Japan Permits Correspondents to Accompany Forces.

London, March 2.—Hardly a word from the seat of war, with the exception of the Russian official dispatches, is published here this morning. From Yinkow comes the unconfirmed report that 500 bands, armed with modern rifles, attacked a Russian post to the west of Haicheng (Haicheng is 32 miles northeast of New Chwang), and that there was severe fighting and both sides lost heavily. This report is discredited at Yinkow, but if true indicates that serious danger is confronting Russia in these well armed brigand bands. According to the Daily Mail's account of this affair, six Japanese found among the bandits were killed. This would tend to show that the Japanese are organizing bands.

Reports received here from Tokio declare that Japan has granted permission for 53 foreign newspaper correspondents to accompany the Japanese forces. Seventeen of these correspondents are Americans. The date of their departure has not been fixed.

A mile and a quarter of Siberian railroad, according to Tokio reports, has been destroyed in the Ninguta district, between Vladivostok and Harbin.

### NO SIGHT OF ENEMY.

Russian Patrols Cover Radius of Sixty Miles Looking for Japs.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—In a dispatch to the czar, Viceroy Alexieff says:

"Admiral Stark, telegraphing from Port Arthur today, says that the enemy did not appear off Port Arthur either February 28, 29 or March 1. Reconnoissances by cruisers and torpedo boats over a radius of 60 miles from Port Arthur also failed to discover the enemy's vessels." Major-General Pflug, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, sends the following telegram, dated March 2:

"According to additional information which has reached me, our patrol approached Ping Yang on the morning of February 29. The presence of our patrols near Ping Yang caused great alarm and soon the enemy's sharpshooters manned the wall and towers, expecting an attack. Our patrols found the town surrounded with new ramparts. It is supposed that the Japanese have more than 1,000 men in Ping Yang."

### CONFLICT NEED NOT SPREAD.

All That is Necessary is for France and England to Keep Cool.

Paris, March 2.—The London correspondent of the Echo De Paris has telegraphed an interview with a certain person in London, who, although his identity is not revealed, is obviously Paul Cambon, the French ambassador to Great Britain.

According to the correspondent, this person declared that the beginning of hostilities by the Japanese came as an absolute surprise to Great Britain, which had done its utmost to prevent war. Spreading of the conflict will be avoided easily, the correspondent's informant continues, if France and Great Britain keep cool.

### Ambassador Returns.

London, March 2.—Count Beneckendorff, the Russian ambassador to Great Britain, arrived here tonight from St. Petersburg.

### Spy Shot by Guard.

New York, March 2.—Many alleged spies have been identified and imprisoned in the Japanese seaports during the past three weeks, according to a World dispatch from Nagasaki. One

masking as a coolie was found on board the transport Gambu Maru as the ship was leaving port filled with soldiers. Before he could be taken he jumped overboard. When he arose and was swimming the ship's guard shot him to death.

### Horses as Locomotive.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—Cars on the ice railroad over Lake Baikal are now drawn by horses, the locomotive which performed this service having broke through the ice.

### MANAGER-TREASURER CHARGED

Wallace H. Ham Thought to Have Stolen Charity Funds.

Boston, March 2.—A warrant, charging Wallace H. Ham with the embezzlement of \$34,000 from the funds of St. Luke's home, was issued today. Ham was arrested last week charged with the embezzlement of \$104,000 from the American Surety Company, of which he was the Boston manager. He was also treasurer of St. Luke's home.

### Physicians Attend Banquet.

New York, March 2.—More than 300 physicians, among whom were eminent practitioners and men connected with institutions of medical learning from almost every state east of the Mississippi and some beyond have attended a dinner here to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the inauguration in this country of post graduate medical instruction and to honor Dr. St. John Hanna, president of the Post Graduate hospital in this city and a pioneer worker on behalf of the form of practical education it affords the medical profession.

Dr. William Osier of the John Hopkins university who attended Senator Hanna spoke on the need of post graduate instruction for specialists. He says, however, improvements are necessary if medical instruction in this country is to answer its purpose.

### Guam's Governor Ill.

Vallejo, Cal., March 2.—Commander William E. Sewell, of the United States navy, who has been governor of Guam since August 1, 1902, arrived at the Mare island navy yard today. Commander Sewell is critically ill and was taken to the hospital.

### Value of Whitney Estate.

Mineola, N. Y., March 2.—Harry Payne Whitney, executor of the will of William C. Whitney, has filed a statement showing the value of his father's estate, liable to taxations in this state. He fixes the value of real estate at \$1,000,000 and the personal estate at \$10,000,000.

### D. C. Bill Considered.

Washington, March 2.—The house devoted the entire day to the consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill, but did not conclude action on the measure. The house in committee of the whole decided by unanimous vote to fix minimum rates which may be charged the District of Columbia for telephone service, or for telephones in private residences, at \$25 to \$50 per annum.

### BOY GOES TO HOME.

Humane Officer Expresses Wish to Adopt Young Athlete.

Seattle, March 2.—The custody of Ray Sansome, the little acrobat, has been permanently awarded to the Washington Children's Home society by Judge Bell in the supreme court. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Shone, who have had the boy and whose alleged

brutality to him resulted in the action at law, appeared in court.

The society put on two witnesses, both gave strong testimony as to the cruel treatment, and the decision of the court was prompt.

The boy is now being cared for by Humane Officer Clark, who has expressed a desire to legally adopt him as his son.

### BILL TO EFFECT LATER.

Force of Philippine Shipping Measure Will Be Felt in Year.

Washington, March 2.—The bill for the regulation of Philippine shipping was again the principal subject for consideration by the senate today and was amended so as to defer for a year's time, when the bill shall take effect. A large number of private pension bills were passed.

### New Clubhouse Burned.

Seattle, Wash., March 2.—The handsome new home of the Rainier Club, which was to be ready for occupancy April 1, was gutted by fire early this morning. The loss is \$30,000, and is covered by insurance. Chief Cook says the fire was the work of an incendiary. The club house will be rebuilt.

### CAN SELL SPOKANE BEER.

Olympia, March 2.—The supreme court has decided that William Jensen, proprietor of the Bismarck cafe in Seattle, may dispose of the stock of Spokane beer which he may have had on hand and for selling which he was declared in contempt of Judge Bell's department of the superior court. The Seattle Brewing & Malting Company, through a contract had with Jensen, was able to obtain an injunction in Judge Bell's court to prevent the former from selling anything but Rainier beer.

Later, when Jensen attempted to dispose of the stock on hand, the brewing company asked to have the injunction modified so as to include the selling of the stock on hand. Judge Bell stated that this was unnecessary, as that had been his intention, and the journal entry of the clerk would so show. The judgment which the court signed did not so specify, however, and formed the basis for the appeal to the supreme court. The court holds that the signed judgment should be taken as what the court had decided, as against the journal entry of the clerk.

### Annual Convention Opens.

Washington, March 2.—The 12th annual convention of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association was begun here today. There are more than 200 lumbermen and they are from every state and territory in attendance.

### Last Dividend Paid.

Chicago, March 2.—The accounts of the world's Columbian exposition of 1893 were closed today with the payment of the final dividend of 4.65 per cent. This payment is exclusive of the dividend of 10 per cent paid in 1896.

## FIRST DAY OF THE SMOOT HEARING

Joseph W. Smith, President of Mormon Church, Asserts That He Is Believer in Old Doctrines.

Has Received Inspirations From God, But Has Not Yet Entertained Any Angels.

SECRETS ARE PRIED INTO

Protestants Believe They Have Scored Victory Because Court Practices Will Not Be Adhered to.

Washington, March 2.—Effort to unearth secrets of the Mormon faith was manifested in the first day's proceedings before the senate committee on privileges and elections, which is investigating the protests against Reed Smoot.

President Joseph W. Smith, the highest official of the church, was on the stand all day. He said he adhered to all the teachings of the church regarding divine revelations, and he himself had been visited with divine inspirations from God, though no angels had come to him as in the case of his uncle, Joseph W. Smith, founder of the church. He also said he still believed in polygamy.

The testimony was directed in a slight degree at Senator Smoot, and no attempt was made by the defense to curtail the admission of testimony until President Smith was questioned in relation to the polygamous cohabitation of certain officials of the church before manifesto 1890. Attorneys then objected, but the committee determined to allow the utmost latitude to the hearings, which means court practices will be avoided. The Protestants said they regarded this as a victory for them.

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